



Florida House of Representatives

Rules & Calendar Council

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Chair

MEMORANDUM

February 22, 2010

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Bill Galvano, Chair

SUBJECT Chamber Access – Opening Day of Regular Session 2010

Having consulted with the House Sergeant, and pursuant to Rule 8.10(a)(1), we will continue the policy that only floral arrangements and reasonably-sized live plants will be approved for distribution in the House Chamber on the opening day of Session, March 2, 2010. All floral arrangements and plants will be inspected and the Chamber will be secured. The Chamber will be opened for members one hour before the session begins.

Due to the delay of the Joint Session until evening on March 2nd, **we ask that your staff remove any floral arrangements and plants from your chamber desk after the morning session.** The Sergeant's staff will be busy with other activities and cannot deliver those to your office during the day. The Chamber will be open until 4:00 for your staff to access those items.

All other items will be inspected by Capitol Police before they can be delivered to the members' offices. It is our understanding this policy is consistent with that of the Florida Senate.

All member-to-member gifts other than floral arrangements and plants will need to be delivered to member's offices. In order to facilitate the security inspection of the House Chamber, we further request that the members refrain from bringing other materials, including personal computers, into the Chamber on opening day.

Note, however, that in the event security levels are heightened as the result of an increased safety concern or risk involving the Capitol Complex, floral, plant or gift deliveries will probably not be allowed into the Complex at all.

These policies are to protect the security and decorum of the House.

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